

Introduced by Senator Florez

February 19, 2003

An act relating to local government finance.

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SB 324, as introduced, Florez. Local government finance: Tulare County.

Existing law requires counties to distribute various fines, fees, forfeitures, and penalties according to prescribed schedules in each fiscal year.

This bill would provide for the validation of the distribution of fines, fees, forfeitures, and penalties made by the County of Tulare in the 1996–97 to 1999–2000 fiscal years, inclusive, as specified, except for \$121,000 to the Trial Court Trust Fund, \$293,000 to the Trial Court Improvement Fund, and those amounts owed to other local agencies.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of
2 law, the distributions of fines, fees, forfeitures, and penalties by the
3 County of Tulare for the 1996–97 to 1999–2000 fiscal years,
4 inclusive, shall be deemed correct and no reductions or increases
5 shall be made to the distributions for those fiscal years, except one
6 hundred twenty-one thousand dollars (\$121,000) to the Trial
7 Court Trust Fund, two hundred ninety-three thousand dollars
8 (\$293,000) to the Trial Court Improvement Fund, and those
9 amounts owed to other local agencies.



1 (b) With respect to subdivision (a), the Legislature finds and
2 declares that a special law is necessary and that a general law
3 cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of
4 Article IV of the California Constitution because of unique
5 circumstances applicable to the County of Tulare. The County of
6 Tulare made distributions of fines, fees, forfeitures, and penalties
7 to the state for the 1996–97 to 1999–2000 fiscal years, inclusive,
8 in good faith and reasonable belief that its methods of distribution
9 of fines complied with all applicable statutes and these methods
10 were not audited or reviewed by either the Department of Finance
11 or the Controller until the end of the 1999–2000 fiscal year.

